IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method for treatment of diabetes mellitus consisting of the step of administering a quantity of a flavonoid selected from the group consisting of luteolin, myricetin, dihydrokaemferol, apigenin, quereetin and mixtures thereof to result in a reduction in blood glucose.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 8, wherein a mixture of luteolin, dihydrokaemferol and apigenin is administered.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein the molar concentration of luteolin is at least twice that of dihydrokaemferol and apigenin added together.

Claims 11-17 (Cancelled)

18. (New) A method for treatment of diabetes mellitus consisting of the step of administering a quantity of luteolin to result in a reduction in blood glucose.

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- 19. (New) The method for treatment of diabetes mellitus according to Claim 18, wherein the step of administering further consists of administering a quantity of a flavonoid selected from the group consisting of myricetin, dihydrokaemferol, apigenin, and mixtures thereof to result in a reduction in blood glucose.
 - 20. (New) The method for treatment of diabetes mellitus according to Claim 19, wherein the step of administering further consists of administering a quantity of quercetin.
- 1 21. (Newl) The method for treatment of diabetes 2 mellitus according to Claim 19, wherein a mixture of luteolin, 3 dihydrokaemferol and apigenin is administered.
- 1 22. (New) The method for treatment of diabetes mellitus 2 according to Claim 21, wherein the molar concentration of luteolin is at least 3 twice that of dihydrokaemferol and apigenin added together.